

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/642,954

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/17/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-10,12,21-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |


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DETAILED ACTION

- Response to the applicant's amendment dated 11/17/2006
- Claims 3,13-20 have been Cancelled
- Amended claims 1,2,4-10 and 12 and new claims 21-27 have been submitted for examination
- Amended claims 1,2,4-10 and 12 and new claims 21-27 have been allowed

Drawings Objections

1. In view of the applicant amended drawings filed on 11/17/2006; all objections to the drawings are withdrawn.

Claim Objections

2. In view of the applicant cancelled claims 15 and 19 filed on 11/17/2006, objections to claims 15 and 19 are moot.
3. In a telephone interview with attorney Kermit Lopez on 1/16/2007, the Examiner noted to attorney Lopez that claim 11 has never been presented and thereby never existed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record attached to this office. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

4. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Kermit Lopez on 1/22/2007.
5. Change claim 1, line 10, the "at least offset " to " at least one offset ".

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments and amended claims 1 and 10, see pages 8-12, filed on 11/17 2006, with respect to amended claims 1 and 10 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 1 and 10 under 35 USC § 103 have been withdrawn.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

7. The applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 3 and cancelled claim 3. Claim 3 was allowable in the office action filled on 9/7/2006 and objected to depend on claim 1.
8. Claims (2 and 4-9) depend from claims 1.
9. Claims 10 and 27 have similar language as in claim 1.
10. Claims 12 and 21-26 depend from 26.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sam Rizk whose telephone number is (571) 272-8191. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Decady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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